Mismanagement of Ground Water Levels by Government of NCT of Delhi

1637. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have expressed concern over the mismanagement of ground water level by the Government of NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have written a letter in this regard to the Delhi Chief Minister and asked her to introduce a new legislation to regulate and manage ground water;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received any action taken report of plan by the Government of NCT of Delhi; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As per the ground water resource assessment of NCT, Delhi carried out Jointly by CGWB and the State recently, seven out of nine districts of Delhi are over-exploited and have shown significant decline of more than 20 cm/yr in ground water level. These are-South, South-west, New Delhi, North-west, West, East and North-east districts.

(c) to (f) The Union Minister of Water Resources in his letter dated 11.9.2006 addressed to the Chief Ministers of States including NCT of Delhi and Administrators of Union Territories while expressing concern at the indiscriminate withdrawal of ground water in various parts of the country, has appealed to the State Governments to enact ground water legislation for checking over-exploitation of ground water. The ground water legislation has not been enacted by Government of NCT of Delhi.